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Boston, Nov. 22, 1839.  
Rev. Charles G. Toney;

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> this day received, requesting information respecting the letter alluded to in "Right & Wrong in Massachusetts," pp. 59 & 67. I enclose a copy of a certificate as to its contents signed by the gentlemen to whom you addressed it, & by two other gentlemen to whom, among others, ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup> was communicated; which, before I wrote that book, I deemed it proper to have. As you ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> giving me to understand that you have publicly denied writing such a letter, you furnish me with the proper ground on which to publish this certificate.

With respect to the publication of your letters appended to "Right & Wrong in ~~Boston~~ <sup>Massachusetts</sup>," to which you allude disapprovingly, I have only to remark, that such letters have a far other character than that of private correspondence. Taken in connection with their author's course towards the Anti-Slavery public, they become a public concern. To suppress them is in my estimation wrong: to make them public, right & duty to the Anti-Slavery cause.

I am yours faithfully,  
Maria Weston Chapman.



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The following is the substance of Mr. Torrey's letter.

Charles T. Torrey wrote to P. C. Pettibone last December, stating that Garrison had a great deal of influence in this state, & hence it would not <sup>be safe</sup> ~~be~~ to attack him or the Liberator openly. We needed a new paper: ~~in Massachusetts~~. He had founded the Ministry throughout the state & they were for it to a man. Now, Brother Pettibone, have on a full delegation at the Annual Meeting, to come at 10 o'clock, prepared to stay two days; have them pledge to go for the new paper & show the Annual Report & we will show them how it is done.

(Signed)

P. C. Pettibone,  
Ezra C. Smith  
J. A. Collins.

~~The original of a Pettibone letter~~

Lead The following note from Mr. Pettibone will explain the reason why ~~the letter to~~ Mr. Torrey's letter to him has not been published.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 18. 90